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FOR AG ATTACHE

1. USDA AND DEPT HAVE REEXAMINED QUESTION OF VISIT OF SOVIET COTTON PROCESSING DELEGATION TO US AND, IN LIGHT OF REFTELS, WOULD BE WILLING FAVORABLY TO CONSIDER SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SUBJECT EXCHANGE UNDER SECTION IV PARA 2 OF 1972-1973 EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

2. FYI ORIGINAL US DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SECTION III COTTON PROCESSING EXCHANGE WAS BASED ON OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD CAUSE IMBALANCE IN NUMBER OF SECTION III VISITS BY EACH SIDE SINCE USDA DOES NOT PLAN
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RETURN VISIT TO USSR. IF, HOWEVER, SOVIET COTTON VISIT
IS UNDER SECTION IV PARA 2 AS ONE OF FIVE UNDESIGNATED
EXCHANGES, IT COULD BE CONSIDERED QUID PRO QUO FOR 1972
USDA COTTON PRODUCTION VISIT UNDER SECTION IV. END FYI.
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